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Applicant(s): Bianchi et al.

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Washington, D.C. 20231

SUBMISSION OF NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

Dear Sir:

Applicants request that the drawings provided herein replace the previously submitted drawings which accompanied Applicants' response filed on May 21, 2001, to a Notice to File Missing Parts of the Application. Although Applicants fully complied with the requisite set forth in the Notice, Applicants would prefer to use the enclosed new drawings as they believe them to be more aesthetically pleasing. Applicants assert that the new formal drawings do not contain any new subject matter.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope with sufficient postage addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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